

EIGHT STATES HAVE ELECTIONS LISTED FOR SECOND OF MONTH

Woman Suffrage Question Will Be Paramount Question In Three Big States and Will Receive Greatest Test It Has Had Yet.

Eight states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, and Mississippi, will hold elections on Tuesday November 2.

In four of these states, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, and Mississippi, governors are to be elected; in six states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, the state legislatures, in whole or in part, are to be elected; and in five states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, important constitutional issues are to be decided.

With a few local exceptions, in fact, these constitutional questions will be the dominant issues on election day, including as they do such fundamental matters as woman suffrage, municipal home rule, prohibition, state income taxes, referendum plans, and some lesser reforms.

The woman suffrage question will come up for decision in New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, which states will furnish, in point of population, the greatest test the suffrage issue has ever had in the United States. New Jersey, the first state in the east to vote on equal suffrage, defeated the proposition of a special election given over exclusively to the suffrage question on October 19. While it has been held by some political observers that the result of the test in New Jersey would be reliably indicative of what might be expected in the three bigger neighboring states, the suffrage leaders have not been discouraged by the big majority with which the issue was defeated in New Jersey, and look forward to the bigger test with confidence.

The importance of this test is indicated by the fact that, in point of population, the New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, which will vote on suffrage, November 2, includes over 20,000,000 people—a fifth of the entire population of the United States—and these 20,000,000 are practically double the population of the three states in which equal suffrage has as yet been fully achieved.

New York State
In New York State, in addition to the suffrage issue, a dominant feature of the election will be the question of adopting a new state constitution, as revised by a recent state constitutional convention, presided over by Elihu Root. The new constitution, at the request of the suffrage leaders, has not been made to include the suffrage amendment, hence the constitution and the suffrage issue will be upon separately, neither having anything to do directly with the fate of the other. The features of the revised constitution are measures designed to give the cities of the state greater latitude in the management of municipal affairs, and incidentally to relieve the legislature of a vast amount of local matters; to make the governor a more responsible individual by making the numerous executive arms of the administration more directly responsible to him; to reform the judiciary so as to eliminate some of the red tape that is declared to handicap the prompt execution of the laws; and among other provisions the shortest ballot and the budget system. Two important articles, relating to taxation and reapportionment will be submitted to the voters, separate from the general constitution question. Two other separate amendments would provide for a \$27,000,000 bond issue to complete the Barge Canal, and to permit the legislature to alter the rate of interest on certain debts already incurred. Although the Republicans were in the majority in the convention, they are not a unit in supporting the constitution nor are the Democrats standing solidly against it.

In personnel, the New York election calls for the choice of a full assembly of 150 members, eleven Supreme Court Justices and three Congressmen, as well as county and city officials in some sections of the state. Congressional successors are to be chosen to Joseph A. Goulden, Democrat, of the twenty-third district, and Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., and Sereeno B. Payne, of the thirty-first and thirty-sixth, respectively, who died while serving in the last Congress. The candidates are: William S. Bennett, Republican, and Elworth J. Healy, Democrat both of New York, in the twenty-third district; Bertrand H. Snell, of Potsdam, Republican, William L. Allen, of Malone, Democrat, and Howard D. Haddley of Plattsburgh, Progressive, in the thirty-first district; and Norman S. Gould of Seneca Falls, Republican-Progressive, and Louis J. Licht, of Geneva, Democrat, in the thirty-sixth.

Massachusetts
Massachusetts in addition to the suffrage amendment, will vote on the proposition of giving the legislature authority to impose a tax on income, and similar authority for the taking over land in country districts for the purpose of establishing homesteads for those who may wish to escape from the more congested quarters of the cities.

A successor to governor David I. Walsh, Democrat, is to be elected and the candidates, including Governor Walsh, are: Nelson B. Clark, Progressive; Samuel W. McCall, Republican; William Shaw, Prohibition; Walter S. Hutchins, Socialist; and Peter O'Rourke, Socialist-Labor.

A lieutenant-governor and various other state officials together with forty senators and 240 members of the state House of Representatives are also to be elected.

Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania will have comparatively little of general interest to its election outside of the vote on the suffrage question. No state officers are to be elected with the exception of three candidates to fill vacancies on the Superior Court bench. In general the only thing other than the suffrage issue to attract the voters to the polls will be county and municipal elections, although one Congressman is to be elected to fill a vacancy in the twenty-fourth district.

In Philadelphia the Republican organization has conducted a vigorous campaign to regain control of the city administration, which was wrested from it four years ago when the reform elements united with the Democratic party and elected Rudolph Blankenburg, a life-long reformer in politics, as mayor. The Republican candidate for the mayoralty this fall is Thomas E. Smith, former postmaster of Philadelphia. His chief opponent is George D. Porter, a reformer.

who has been director of the department of public safety in the Blankenburg administration. He resigned to make the canvass for the mayoralty under the banner of the recently formed Franklin party. The Democratic party is running its candidates on a straight party ticket.

Maryland
Maryland will elect a governor, comptroller of the state treasury, attorney-general, a full house of delegates and half of the state senate. In addition four constitutional amendments will be voted upon, and local minor officers will be chosen in the counties and Baltimore City. Candidates to succeed Governor Goldsborough, Republican, are: Ovington E. Weller, Republican; Emerson C. Harrington, Democrat; and George R. Gorsuch, Prohibitionist.

The constitutional amendments are for the referendum, a new taxation scheme, home rule for cities, and parole in criminal cases. The referendum plan is practically the same as that followed in other states, except that the Maryland proposition includes a prohibition against the use of the referendum in any local option or license legislation. If the home rule amendment carries the legislature will be relieved of a vast amount of purely local legislation, which would be vested in the city and county councils; while the taxation amendment provides for the classification of all kinds of property for the purpose of taxation.

Ohio
General interest will be manifested in the election in Ohio for the reason that state-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic is an issue again this year, as it was last year in the form of a proposed constitutional amendment which would forbid the sale or manufacture for sale of any alcoholic beverages. The "wets" have countered this proposal with petitions under the initiative and referendum law by which the people will also vote on another provision which would prevent the submission of any constitutional amendment more than twice in six years. Ohio is the only state in the Union which will vote this fall upon the liquor issue. In addition to the broader question of prohibition the so-called liquor license decentralization law, passed by the recent legislature, will be subjected to referendum. The issue concerns largely the method of selection of license commissioners.

The Sprague congressional redistricting bill, passed by the recent legislature, will also be under fire by referendum, which was petitioned by the Democratic state organization. The redistricting law as drawn would, it is declared, result in normal years in the election of sixteen Republican Congressmen and possibly six Democratic Congressmen. The Democrats claim that the law which they passed when in power divided the districts about evenly as between the two parties.

All cities in Ohio will select mayors and other municipal officers at the coming election, but no state officers are to be chosen this fall.

Kentucky
The Kentuckians will elect a governor for a four-year term, all other state officers, one-half of the state senate and an entire assembly. Democrats, Republicans and Prohibitionists have candidates for all the state offices, with Republican and Democratic contestants for every place on the ballot and the Progressives are represented by candidates for nearly all the state offices and numerous seats in the general assembly. The Socialist party has only a candidate for governor.

In the last presidential election the Progressive party in Kentucky polled approximately 12,000 more votes than the Republicans, but the latter claim to have regained many of those who had left the ranks.

Four years ago, when Governor McCrory, Democrat, was elected, the majority over his Republican opponent was approximately 33,000.

Former Congressman A. O. Stanley of Henderson, recently won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in a three-day contest by the largest plurality ever accorded a candidate in Kentucky. The runner-up declared in favor of state-wide prohibition. Mr. Stanley favored continuing in effect the county unit law, or local option. This stand later was incorporated in the Democratic party platform. The platform also favors submitting to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment that would do away with the prison contract system and permitting the working of convicts on the county roads.

Edwin P. Morrow, of Somerset, is the Republican nominee for J. I. Irexler, a Louisville man, heads the Progressive ticket.

Mississippi
The election in Mississippi will be merely a ratification of the nominations made by the Democratic voters at the state primaries held last August, inasmuch as no other party has candidates in the field. A full set of state, county and district officers will be formally elected, as well as members of both branches of the legislature. No Congressmen will be elected this year.

The present lieutenant-governor, Theodore G. Bilbo, who became governor, succeeding Earl Brewer, and Lee M. Russell will be the lieutenant-governor. Other candidates for state offices include Secretary of State, Joseph W. Fowler; attorney-general, Ross A. Collins; treasurer, Dr. J. P. Taylor; superintendent of education, W. H. Smith.

New Jersey
Having disposed of the suffrage issue at the special election October 19, New Jersey has left little of general interest for the election of November 2. Voting on this day will be confined to the election of six members of the state senate and a full membership of 60 in the House. The campaign has been very quiet, no state-wide issues being involved. In some legislative districts, local option has been an issue.

The elections in the eight states that have been mentioned in the foregoing comprise all of the state elections that will be held in the United States this fall, and, as will be noted, the voting is confined entirely to states east of the Mississippi river.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTS GOVERNOR ON NOVEMBER 2



Five states elect governors this fall. One of them is Massachusetts. The Democratic candidate is the present governor, David I. Walsh. The Republican nominee is Samuel McCall.

GORDON'S PLAN TO UNIFORM THE POOR BEHIND THE TIMES

Farmer Reader Sharply Criticizes Proposition of Charities Head.

To the Editor of The Farmer:

Will you kindly permit the writer to convey through the columns of your paper his compliments to and variances with Mr. Spencer Gordon? In many ways we felicitate Mr. Gordon, at this particular moment we wish to compliment him upon his happy manifesto regarding certain wearing apparel or in other words uniforms. No, Mr. Gordon has not said that he is about to don a military uniform to bolster up his courage or pad it out a bit in his present warfare institutions, etc. Rather Mr. Gordon is going to permit certain individuals to wear uniforms. These certain individuals are to live in proximity to the Arms Co. and the Garbage plant and it may be that Mr. Gordon has an over developed sense of the eternal fitness and thinks it only proper to harmonize the whole section in one way or another.

Flanked with bayonets on one side and deadly gases on the other it is doubtless fitting that there should be a bit of uniform now and then to complete the warlike landscape. However, now that we have complimented Mr. Gordon on his artistic perception and courageous manifestation of same we would like to express a timid protest, also some suggestions. Could it not be arranged that Mr. Gordon's office in the Charities Building would be on the first floor front where he could revel in the display of the incoming and outgoing apparel of the preservers of the law and order, or could we not have an occasional parade of the various engine companies between the hours of the various platoon shifts? We might appeal also to the various secret societies around town, who would possibly be willing to give an occasional display of their paraphernalia.

Does Mr. Gordon wish to further institutionalize the inmates of Lakeview? If so, by all means bring on the uniform costume. Does Mr. Gordon wish to invade the few rights that are left to the City's poor? Does Mr. Gordon wish to have Lakeview unique (in this section of the country) Does Mr. Gordon wish to liken Lakeview to Wethersfield? Surely he could not wish these results. Just as surely, he can have no sinister manufacturers' agent awaiting his order for clothing. Let us hope that Bridgeport's poor will never be placed under the stripes of an institutional uniform. Yours for the peaceful suppression of the uniform Gordon. CONSTANT READER

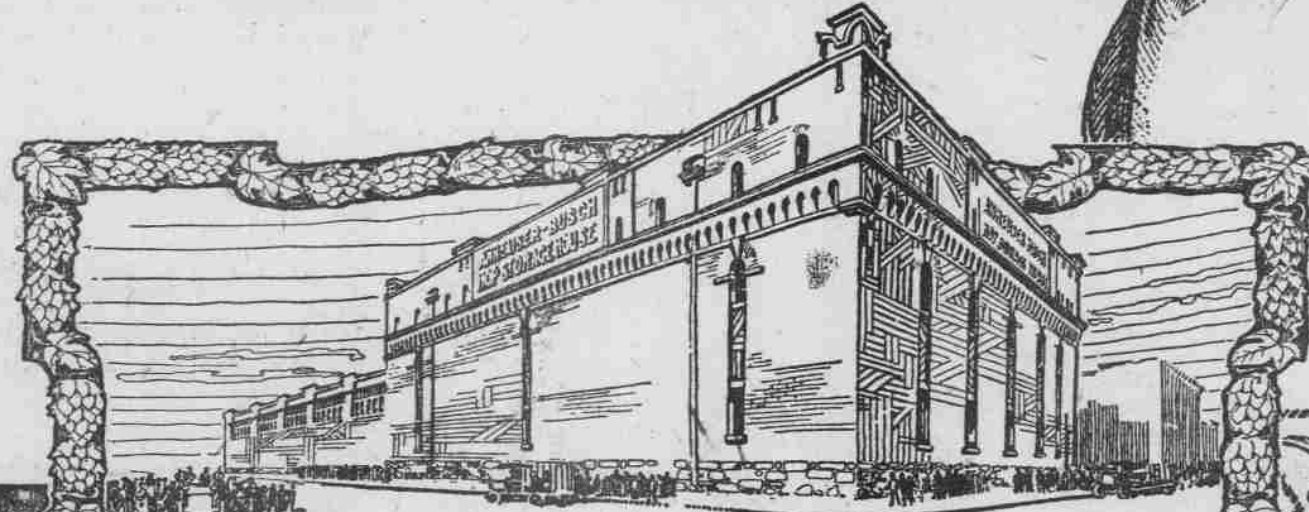
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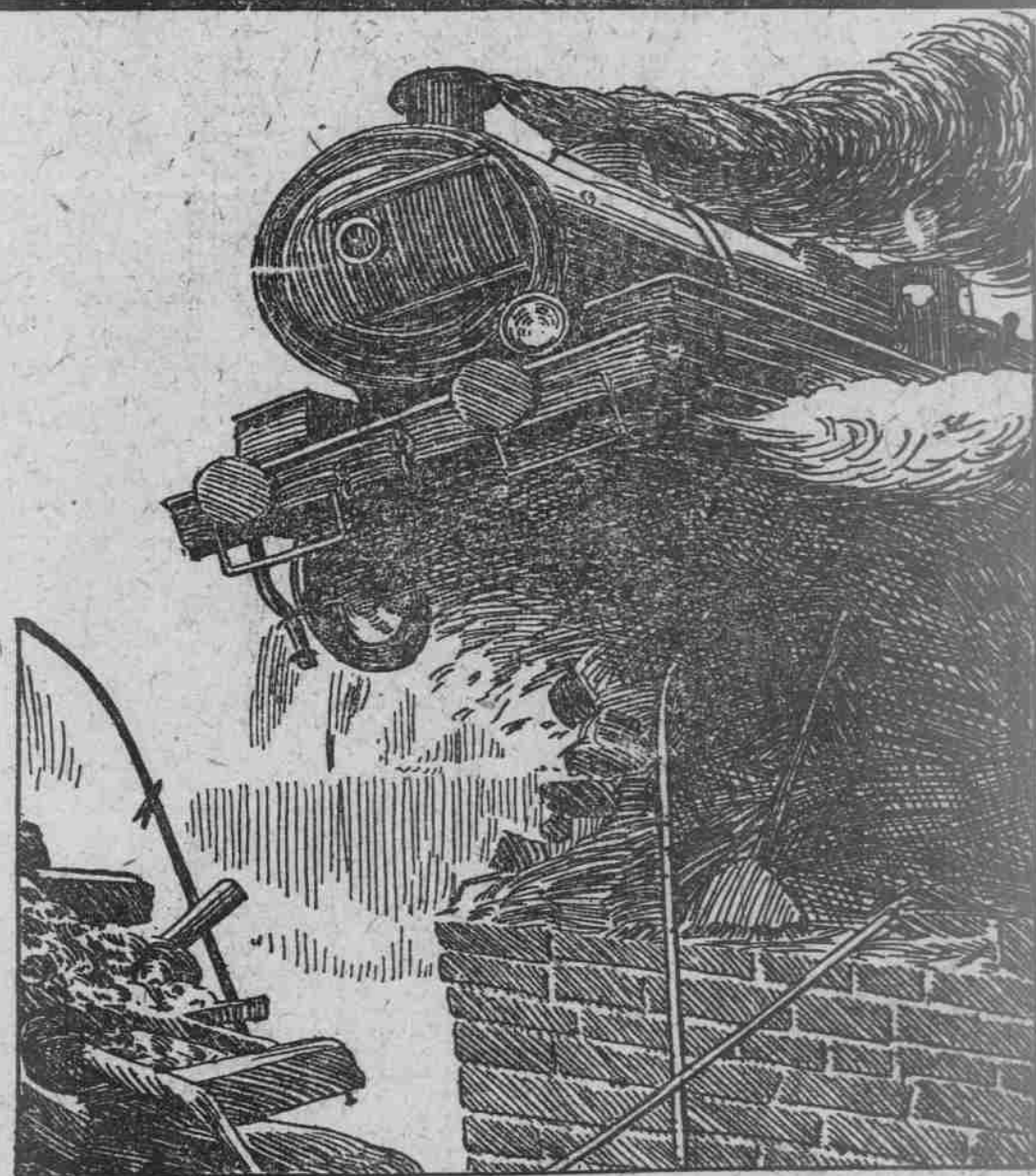
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